

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the abstract with—

“A system for purifying exhaust gas generated by an internal combustion engine including a bypass branching out from the exhaust pipe downstream of a catalyst and merging to the exhaust pipe, an adsorber installed in the bypass, a bypass valve member which closes the bypass, and an EGR conduit connected to the bypass at one end and connected to the air intake system for recirculating the exhaust gas to the air intake system. The adsorber adsorbs the HC component in the exhaust gas when the exhaust gas temperature rises and the adsorbed component is recirculated to the air intake system through the EGR conduit. The bypass valve member is combined with an exhaust pipe valve member as a combination valve such that when the bypass valve member closes the bypass, the exhaust pipe valve member opens the exhaust pipe.”